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பெண்களுக்கு உதவி செய்ய வேண்டியதாக இருக்கிறது. அப்படி பயிற்சி பெருவதற்கு பெண்கள் முன் வந்தால் அதற்கு வேண்டிய உதவி அளிக்க அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : அந்த விதமான மனுக்களை அனுப்பினல் அவைகளைப்பற்றி சர்க்கார் பரிசீலனை செய்யும்.

SRI M. WILLIAM : Are the Government aware of the fact that students who have studied in the institutions for which temporary recognition has been granted, are not issued certificates ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : If it pertains to an individual institution, then they must make separate representation to the Government.

Legislation to confer immunity on the Press

* *S.N.Q.* 14.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to bring in a legislation to confer immunity on the Press in regard to the publication of substantially true reports of the proceedings of the Assembly; and

(*b*) if so, when ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware that under the existing laws, press could be sued for libel and defamation even if true proceedings of the House are published and if so, why not the Government bring in legislation to give immunity to the Press in respect of this matter ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Here we are so orderly that we do not indulge in libellous or defamatory matter in this House. That is why I feel that in our State this is not necessary.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : சட்டசபை நடவடிக்கைகளை உண்மையாய் வெளியிட பத்திரிகைகளுக்கு பாதுகாப்பு அளிப்பதற்குச் சட்டம் கொண்டுவர உத்தேசம் உண்டா என்று கேட்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. சட்டசபை நடவடிக்கைகளை உண்மையாக வெளியிடக்கூடாது என்ற அளவிற்கு சட்டம் இருக்கிறதா ? உண்மையை வெளியிடுவதற்கு சட்டம் வேண்டுமென்று கேட்கிற மாதிரி இருக்கிறது இப்பொழுது கேட்கப்பட்டிருக்கிற கேள்வி ?

MR. SPEAKER : என்னல் பதில் சொல்ல முடியாது. மந்திரி அவர்கள் தான் பதில் சொல்ல வேண்டும்.

Misappropriation of funds in Madurai Municipal Office

* 804 *Q.*—SRI V. SANKARAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any case of misappropriation of funds by some of the employees of the Madurai Municipal Office was discovered recently;

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(*b*) if so, the details thereof; and

(*c*) the action taken thereon ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Misappropriation of tax collections relating to the years 1957–58 and 1958–59 have been brought to light as a result of a surprise check of outstanding tax bills conducted in February 1960. The matter was at once reported to the Police who have registered a case before the Additional First Class Magistrate, Madurai on 4—3—1960. Necessary charge-sheets have been filed against the staff of the Madurai Municipality who are suspected to be involved in the crime. The trial commenced from 21—4—1960 and the matter is now *sub-judice.*

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry I called question 804 before 785. However, since the subject-matter of the question is *sub-judice,* I do not think that any supplementaries can be asked.

Highways in the City of Madras

*785 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to place on the Table of the House a statement on the talks that the Corporation Delegation recently had with the Government regarding the maintenance of highways in the City of Madras ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: An informal discussion regarding the finances of the Corporation including the question relating to the provision of funds for the better maintenance of the roads in the City was held on 15—2—1960. It is not possible to place a statement on the discussions on the table of the House as the discussions were informal.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, may I know whether a delegation requested the Government to take over the two highways in the City, namely, Mount Road and Poonamalle High Road, for maintenance ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: It is not possible to place a statement on the table of the House, and as such I am not able to give any information on this to the House.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, is it so confidential as not to be placed on the table of the House ?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member cannot ask that question. If the Hon. Minister says that it is confidential and cannot be placed on the table of the House, the hon. Member cannot ask why and how is it confidential. The supplementary question is disallowed. I will allow any other question and not this question.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, the Hon. Minister did not say that it was confidential. She said that it was not possible to place a statement on the table of the House as the discussions were informal.

MR. SPEAKER: The supplementary is disallowed. The hon. Member, if he wants, can ask any other supplementary question.